

## AGENDA

### FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MARFIN CONFERENCE

**December 3-4, 2003**  
**Biloxi, MS**

#### **Wednesday, December 3, 2003**

9:00am	Welcome
	MARFIN Panel Chair: <i>James Franks</i>
9:15am	Conference Objectives
	<i>Dr. Roy E. Crabtree</i> Regional Administrator NMFS, Southeast Region
	<i>Frederick C. (Buck) Sutter III</i> Deputy Regional Administrator NMFS, Southeast Region
	<i>Ellie F. Roche</i> Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office NMFS, Southeast Region

#### **SESSION I - Reef Fish: Session Chair - *Larry Simpson***

9:30-9:55am	Grant# NA17FF2011 <i>William Sharp</i> FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
	Intercept Surveys of Recreational Spiny Lobster Fishermen in the Florida Keys
10:00-10:25am	Grant# NA97FF0348 <i>Dr. Richard Nemeth</i> University of Virgin Islands
	Investigating Movement Patterns and Spawning Habitat of Red Hind Grouper in a Newly Established Marine Fishery Reserve in the U.S. Virgin Islands

10:30-10:55am Grant# 03MFIH02  
*Jennifer Potts*  
NMFS, Beaufort Laboratory  
  
Age and Growth of Two Deep Water Species of the Snapper  
Grouper Complex of the U.S. South Atlantic

**11:00-11:20am Break**

11:20-11:45am Grant# 03MFIH07  
*Dr. Gary Fitzhugh*  
*LTJG Jeff Taylor will present*  
NMFS, Panama City Laboratory  
  
Recruitment Indices for the Shallow-Water Grouper Complex

11:50-12:15pm Grant# 03MFIH10  
*Dr. Gary Fitzhugh*  
NMFS, Panama City Laboratory  
  
Age and Reproduction of Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and Mackerels  
for Stock Assessments

**12:15-1:45pm Lunch Break**

1:45-2:10pm Grant# 03MFIH11  
*Dr. Anne-Marie Eklund*  
NMFS, Southeast Fisheries Science Center  
  
Goliath Grouper Indices of Abundance and Essential Fish Habitat

**SESSION II - Other Topics:** Session Chair - *Dr. Mac Rawson*

2:15-2:40pm Grant# NA17FF2013  
*Dr. Robert Shipp*  
*Dr. William Patterson will present*  
University of South Alabama  
  
Discrimination Among U.S. South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico  
King Mackerel Stocks with Otolith Analysis and Otolith  
Microchemistry

2:45-3:10pm Grant# 03MFIH03  
*Dr. Dean Ahrenholz*  
NMFS, Beaufort Laboratory  
  
A Pilot Study to Determine the Stock Structure of Dolphinfinh,  
*Coryphaena hippurus*

**3:10-3:30pm Break**

3:30-3:55pm Grant# NA97FF0349  
*Karen Burns*  
Mote Marine Laboratory

Partitioning Release Mortality in the Undersized Red Snapper  
Bycatch: Comparison of Depth vs. Hooking Effects

**4:00-4:10pm Wrap-up and End of First Day's Session**

**Thursday, December 4, 2003**

**SESSION II - Continuation of Other Topics: Session Chair - *Dr. Mac Rawson***

9:00-9:25am Grant# NA17FF2866  
*Shannon Whaley*  
FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Relationships between Estuarine Habitat Structure and the Spatial  
Distribution and Abundance of Juvenile Fishery Species in  
Charlotte Harbor, Florida (Pilot Study)

9:30-9:55am Grant# NA17FF2869  
*Dr. David Letson*  
*Manoj Shivlani will present*  
University of Miami

Economic Valuation of Marine Reserves in the Florida Keys as  
Measured by Diver Attitudes and Preferences: Implications for  
Valuation of Non-Consumptive Uses of Marine Resources

10:00-10:25am Grant# NA17FF2007  
*Dr. Charles Wilson & David Nieland*  
*Andrew Fischer will present*  
Louisiana State University

Red Snapper, *Lutjanus campechanus*, in the Northern Gulf of  
Mexico: Age and Size Composition of the Commercial Harvest  
and Mortality of Regulatory Discards

10:30-10:55am Grant# NA07FF2012  
*Dr. Sandra Diamond*  
Texas Tech University

Estimating Discard Rate and Release Mortality of Red Snapper  
In Texas Fisheries

**10:55-11:15am**

**Break**

11:15-11:40am

NMFS Northeast Region

*Gary Shepherd*

Northeast Fisheries Science Center

Estimation of Exploitation Rate of Black Sea Bass in the Mid-Atlantic/New England Region Using Mark/Recapture Experiments

11:45-12:00pm

Summary and Conclusion - *Robert Mahood*

**12:00pm**

**Adjourn the Technical Session**

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A MARFIN Panel Meeting Will Follow the Technical Session